



## PURPOSE

*The purpose of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to enhance the state's role in planning for and managing natural and cultural resources in the coastal region and to support partnerships between federal, state and local agencies and organizations. The Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program relies upon existing laws and programs as the basis for achieving its purpose. Indiana's Lake Michigan Coastal Program was approved in 2001.*

The Lake Michigan Coastal Program has three main components: (1) Indiana Coastal Grants Program; (2) Nonpoint Pollution Control Plan; and (3) Federal Consistency.

## COASTAL GRANTS PROGRAM

The U.S. Congress has made available to states and territories with approved coastal zone management programs, annual funds for competitive grants for community-based coastal activities consistent with the goals and objectives of the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Act of 1972. Funding and oversight are provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM). The purpose of Indiana's Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program is to protect and restore coastal: natural, cultural and historical resources. Indiana made \$975,000 available in 2003 for the competitive grants program.

### Eligible Recipients

- Units of local government, such as municipalities, townships, counties and towns
- Area-wide agencies, including county and regional planning agencies
- State agencies
- State colleges, universities, and other institutes of higher learning
- Conservancy districts and port authorities
- Basin commissions
- Non-profit organizations with 501(c)3 status (some restrictions apply)

Coastal Grants Program funds projects are considered to be either non-construction, construction, or land acquisition and must occur within the Coastal Program Area's boundaries.

Program Area Boundary: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/grants/cpa.pdf>

**Eligible Projects** must fall into one of these three project type groups:

- Coastal Natural Resource Protection and Restoration
- Coastal Community Enhancement and Sustainability
- Emerging Issues

### Coastal Advisory Board

The 30-member board, representing various stakeholder groups, determines the priorities for each funding cycle and provides a forum for public input on regional issues affecting Lake Michigan coastal resources. The Coastal Advisory Board meets quarterly to discuss grant projects and program topics such as planning and identifying coastal areas of significance. The Board is vital to the LMCP for which it provides a diverse perspective on coastal issues and a close connection between the Program and local communities and citizens.

**For Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program details visit:** [www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/grants/index.html](http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/grants/index.html)

## COASTAL NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN (§6217)

A requirement for an approved coastal state is the development of a Coastal Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Plan. This requirement, known as Section 6217 in the 1990 Reauthorization of the CZM Act, assigns equal responsibility to NOAA and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for working with states to meet its requirements. Section 6217 is designed to improve water quality by strengthening the links between federal and state CZM programs and 319 programs. This plan will be incorporated into Indiana's 319 Program which is administered by the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

Once the plan is developed it must be approved by NOAA. Approval is focused on the incorporation of management measures in the plan and methods for their implementation and enforcement. These management measures are economically achievable measures for the control of Nonpoint source pollution which reflect the best available practices and technology.

The plan is broken into 6 categories:

- Agricultural Runoff
- Urban Runoff
- Forestry Runoff
- Marinas and Recreational Boating
- Channel Modification and Dams
- Wetlands and Riparian Areas

Currently the §6217 Plan is being developed by the LMCP, in cooperation with Purdue University and IDEM, and local stakeholders. The next workgroup meeting is January 20 at 3:15 at the NIRPC office.

**For more information about the §6217 Program visit:** [www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/issues/cprprogram.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/issues/cprprogram.htm)

## FEDERAL CONSISTENCY

A feature of having an approved coastal program is Federal Consistency. This program encourages cooperation, coordination, and communication among governmental entities, as it gives the state an effective voice in actions of the Federal government affecting the state's coastal zone.

Certain Federal actions that affect any land or water use or natural resource of a state's coastal zone must be consistent with the State's federally approved coastal program. Indiana's Coastal Program is based on existing state laws, which will be considered as Indiana's enforceable policies for the purpose of Federal Consistency. Indiana LMCP is in the final stages of creating a Federal Consistency program to implement.

**For more information about Federal Consistency visit:** [www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/federal/index.html](http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/federal/index.html)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**For more information on the Program in general visit:** <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/>

